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Dear Dr. Ray:

Thank you for your interest in our program of research support. I am pleased to enclose our Statement of Policy, *Information for Applicants* and a recent Annual Report that lists currently supported grants and contains abstracts of papers that have appeared over the last year acknowledging support from The Council for Tobacco Research.

Our two-step application process is described on a separate enclosed sheet; it addresses several topics including eligibility, funding levels, award duration and specific instructions for submitting a Preliminary Application. Each application is reviewed by members of our Scientific Advisory Board, a panel of established biomedical scientists who serve as our peer review committee.

Briefly, applicants must be faculty level scientists having appointments at not-for-profit institutions. The Council supports independent investigator-initiated projects (one, two or three years) in a variety of biomedical research areas. In the event you receive an award, annual, non-competing renewal applications are required and continued funding is based on your progress and the materials you submit with the renewal request forms.

The Council encourages proposals from younger researchers, but as you will see from the Annual Report, a number of our awardees are established scientists. We ask that you complete the enclosed "Current and Pending Support" form since some consideration is given to your current funding level. Complete scientific freedom is assured and our only expectation is publication of research results in appropriate peer-reviewed journals.

Sincerely

Arthur D. Eisenberg

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